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[0023] FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the preferred embodiment of the instant invention.

Fig. 5 IS A SIDE PLAN VIEW OF ANOTHER EMBODIMENT OF THE
INSTANT INVENTION,

A Description of the Preferred Embodiment

[0024] As per FIGS. 1 and 4, in the preferred embodiment, a fire hydrant protective cover and visibility marker includes a generally tubular or cylindrical body (1) having a bottom portion (2) a middle portion (3) and a cap portion (4). The overall form of the device may be essentially "mushroom" shaped, with the cap portion diameter (5) being greater than the bottom portion diameter (6). In the preferred embodiment, the entire body (1) is hollow, having an interior space accessible through a bottom end opening (10).

[0025] As per FIG. 2, the preferred embodiment of the fire hydrant protective cover and visibility marker (1) is sized and shaped to be placed over and around a common ground mounted fire hydrant (7). The instant invention being hollow, the interior space (8) of the device completely engulfs the fire hydrant and prevents it from being directly contacted and covered by accumulating snow. Obviously the instant invention must be sufficiently large enough so that it may be placed over the top of, and slid down over the fire hydrant (7) without becoming caught, wedged or entangled by any valves or hose connection portions (9) the fire hydrant may possess or a radial flange (12) usually present at the base of the fire hydrant and used to attach the hydrant to a buried water line.

[0026] In the preferred embodiment, the bottom portion diameter (6) is approximately 2 feet (24 inches), and the cap portion diameter (5) is approximately 4 feet (48 inches). Obviously both of these dimensions are given merely to

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